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Control No.: 21-0085-FOIA

Dear Mr. Bingham:

This letter is in response to your August 18, 2021 request under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552. You requested the following information:

1. All documents evidencing the certification status of the Floating Dry Dock "Alabama" (the "Alabama Dry Dock") at the shipyard owned and/or operated by Alabama Shipyard, LLC. in Mobile, Alabama on and after November 26, 2019.
2. The complete two (2) page dry dock certification utilized by Military Sea Command (MSC), Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA), or MARAD to authorize the drydocking of SS Altair beginning in April of 2020 in the Alabama Dry Dock. With respect to this request, the responsive documents should include, to the extent set forth on said responsive documents, the responsive documents must include:
 - a. The certificate's start date and expiration date;
 - b. The tables attached to any of the certifications should include the data required for MARAD to have validated the capacity of the Alabama Dry Dock; and
 - c. The "Date", "Job No.", and "By" located on the attached table.
3. All documents concerning the "self-certification" of the Alabama Dry Dock

by MSC, NAVSEA, or MARAD, or at the direction of MSC, NAVSEA, or MARAD, if any, undertaken or completed on or after November 26, 2019.

4. All documents concerning United States Navy certifications of the Alabama Dry Dock, if any, undertaken or completed on or after November 26, 2019.

After a careful search of our files two pages of responsive records were found. This release of records represents the agency's final response to include all records located and determined to be responsive to your request. Please find enclosed the responsive documents released in their entirety.

The attached record is provided to you free of charge.

You have a right to appeal. Should you wish to do so, you must send your appeal and a copy of this letter, within 90 days of the date of this letter. The appeal should be sent to foia.marad@dot.gov or mailed to the following address:

Maritime Administration
Freedom of Information Act Appeal
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Second Floor, West Building
Room W24-220, Mailstop #4
Washington, DC 20590

Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mitch Hudson', with a stylized flourish at the end.

T. Mitchell Hudson, Jr.
Freedom of Information Act Officer

Enclosure

■ SS ALTAIR FY20 Drydocking

Exhibit 2-1, Drydock Alabama Certificate

HEGER DRY DOCK, INC



CERTIFICATE of CAPACITY

FLOATING DRY DOCK "ALABAMA"
EPIC COMPANIES, LLC
MOBILE, ALABAMA

ISSUED JULY 17, 2019
EXPIRES JULY 17, 2021

Heger Dry Dock, Inc. has inspected the subject dry dock and found it safe and adequate for dry-docking vessels displacing up to 46,400 long tons at 12 inches port/starboard freeboard and with a maximum keel line load not to exceed the load per foot listed as shown in the attached Table 1 - ALABAMA FDD Line Load as of March 8, 2019.

This certification is contingent on the following conditions:

- A) The vessel's weight and adjusted vertical center of gravity (VCG) must fall within acceptable limits of ship / dock stability.
- B) A safe and adequate blocking system must be used for all dockings.
- C) Maximum allowed head pressure limitation of 31 feet must not be exceeded.
- D) Normal acceptable dry-docking procedures must be followed at all times.
- E) Starboard wing wall crane shall not travel aft of frame 44.

Please note that the certification is for the safety of the vessel in the dry dock only. It does not address the safety of personnel in and around the dry dock, potential pollution spills, or transfers. Facility handrails, stairs, tripping hazards, exposed equipment or any other hazard not specifically related to the safety of the vessel in the dry dock are not covered by this certification. Transfers must be reviewed and approved in advance on a case by case basis.

This certification expires on July 17, 2021. It shall automatically become void should any changes be made or damage occur to the bank dock structure or equipment.

REFERENCE: Heger Inspection Report, July 2019

HEGER DRY DOCK, Inc.
 Waheed Sayed, PE
 Registration: Alabama
 Certificate No. 35117



SS ALTAIR

2020 DRY DOCK / REPAIR AVAILABILITY (RFP# 20-G-9029-137)

2. DRY DOCKING

2.1. Docking and Undocking

Abstract:

It is the intent of this item to describe the requirements for dry docking, and un-docking the vessel to accomplish all underwater work contained herein.

References:

Docking Plan
Capacity Plan
Trim and Stability Booklet
General Arrangement
Vessel Stability Run – Sailing Condition
Vessel Stability Run – Arrival

Location/Description

N/A

Owner Furnished Equipment / Material / Services:

MARAD Dry-Dock Report Form MA-57

Requirements

Proposed Dry docking Facility Requirements:

The dry dock facility length overall shall be equal or greater than the length of the ship overall. The side clearance between the dry dock walls and the ship's side shall be no less than 7'-0" on each side.

Contractor shall provide a copy of a current Condition Survey Certificate for the dry dock the Contractor proposes to use. Certificate may be certified by the Salvage Association, NAVSEA and or certified Regulatory Body. Certificate must be submitted as part of the original bid proposal.

Docking/Undocking Conferences: Contractor shall hold pre-docking and undocking conferences at a mutually agreed upon time with minimum attendance by Port Engineer, Ship's Master, Chief Engineer, and Contractor's Dock master to review weather and external factors as well as to coordinate all critical elements outlined by the specification. An official attendance form shall be available for signature and receipt by all parties and provided as documentation in Condition Report format.

Conferences shall cover at a minimum:

- Docking Position, blocking plan
- Time of Dry-docking/Undocking
- Weather impacts
- Available minimum clearance over the blocks
- Ballast and fuel loading
- List and trim requirements of the Dock master